

Daily Briefing
Greene County Commission Office
1443 North Jefferson, 10th Floor
Dec. 21, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Present: Kate Morris, Chris Mericle, Harold Bengsch, Chris Coulter, Kevin Barnes, Tina Phillips, Lincoln Hough, Cindy Stein

A Single Feasible Source Purchase for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office was presented to the Commission. The purchase would be for technical assistance from Alliance for Hope International for the planned Family Justice Center (a project funded by the new sales tax.) Commissioner Harold Bengsch and Purchasing Director Chris Mericle provided several documents (Exhibit A) contain information about the purchase and services.

Commissioner Lincoln Hough made the motion to approve the single source purchase. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Hough Nay: None Absent: Bob Cirtin Abstain: None

Resource Management Director Kevin Barnes gave the Commission a department update. He said one code enforcement case that the department had been working on unfortunately ended with a house fire and deceased individual found inside the burned home. Barnes said that, prior to the fire that occurred Dec. 20, County efforts resulted in a judgement to tear down a decomposing shed and board up the house on the property. The homeowner was living in a different home, because the house in question became to full of collected items to be livable. The homeowner paid off the money judgement, and was going to give the house to a relative for them to reside in it, however, it appears someone may have broken into the house (which has happened several times prior) and may have tries to light a fire to stay warm, causing the fatal house fire.

Barnes also told the Commission of violations committed by Peabody's Farm. He said the business originally planned to operate as a wedding venue, but during the vetting and permitting process chose to operate as seasonal sales (pumpkins, Christmas trees, etc.) The business was not permitted to use the barn on the property, but has been doing so anyway. Barnes said this could pose a risk to patrons, as the barn was only built to hay storage standards. Their conditional use permit will be revoked. A cease-and-desist letter will be sent to them and they will need to come back before the Commission if they wish to do anymore business from that location.

Barnes also noted that tomorrow the Greene County Youth Academy will be finished moving in to its new location at 933 North Robberson. In other news, he said he's seen a lot of interest from various architects about future county projects. He also asked Commission for their approval to install a push button at the main door of the new Commission Office at Cox Medical Tower. Deputy Budget Officer Tina Phillips confirmed that this \$659 installation by Cox service provider CIS Data Services is included in the existing project budget. Both Commissioners encouraged Barns to proceed with having the button installed.

County Administrator Chris Coulter told the Commission that the recently met with reps from the City of Springfield to discuss the prospective animal control center, a service to be funded in part by the new GR

half-cent sales tax. Those working on the project are looking for a suitable location, he said. Coulter said the Commission would need to draft an updated animal control ordinance since the last ordinance was drafted in 2012.

Coulter said staff is working on possibly purchasing the assets from MU for the medical examiner office now that the County will oversee operation of the office. County staff will need to inventory Greene County assets that are currently already there, he said. The County Auditor's Office will assist with that. Meanwhile, Human Resources is still looking to fill the forensic pathologist vacancy.

Tina Phillips worked with Commissioners to schedule a time next week to meet with the Health Department to hold a budget discussion and to meet with them again to discuss animal control.

Meeting adjourned.